



Ridgeway High School

**INSPIRATIONAL LEARNING
IS OUR PROMISE**

12 October 2018

Assembly Theme: Houses

Dear Parents

I am proud of the extensive range of trips and visits that we offer at Ridgeway, enabling students to investigate and explore different locations and landscapes, communities and cultures. We want our young people to be outward-facing, tolerant and compassionate. Yesterday, Year 7s visited St Oswald's church in Bidston and a mosque in Liverpool. It gave them the chance to see first-hand inside



two contrasting places of worship and to appreciate the importance of these places to religious believers. They are learning about modern Britain, the community around us and the diverse ways in which people live their lives.

On Wednesday, Miss Grundy took fifteen students to Litherland for anti-bullying upskill training, part of an exciting initiative run by the Diana Award charity. It trains student 'ambassadors' to take a role in anti-bullying campaigns and helps us build a more caring culture. Last week, a number of students went to Oxton Grange Care Home to take part in an 'open mic' session on National Poetry Day. Participants were encouraged to read aloud their favourite poem or some poetry of their own. As well as providing opportunities to learn outside the classroom, I always like to welcome outside experts into school to engage with students. On Wednesday, a team called 'All About STEM' worked intensively with some of our ablest Year 7 scientists, highlighting the importance of science in the modern world and helping in the development of key skills such as communication and teamwork.

Speaking of the world around us, you may have noticed the face of Year 9's Dylan Smith as you exit the Birkenhead tunnel and in other advertising spaces. Dylan features in a campaign run by local bus companies to promote travel by bus. Eagle-eyed readers may also have spotted the name Lynette Howell Taylor as one of the producers of the new blockbuster film *A Star Is Born*, starring Lady Gaga. Lynette was a student at Townfield and then here at Ridgeway in the 1990s. She has been running a very successful production company in the USA.

Congratulations once again to the PE department. Their shortlisting in the Outstanding Commitment to Sport in a Secondary School category in the prestigious Educate Awards is further recognition of their excellent work

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over the last year. Meanwhile, we are just coming to the end of the first of PE's inter-house weeks, with lots of achievement points up for grabs. Overall, we have awarded more achievement points than ever before in a single half-term. Well done to everyone concerned, such as the students in 7KCR [pictured above], who have already earned 'Bronze' certificates for amassing 100 achievement points.

This is my last bulletin of the half-term. Next week you will receive your copy of the first Ridgeway New Times of this academic year. I should just like to remind you that, although school closes for half-term on Thursday, it is our Parent Review Day on Friday – an invaluable opportunity for you to meet with your child's form tutor. You will receive your first report of the year, as well as having the chance to discuss your child's progress. If you have yet to make an appointment, I urge you to do so. Over the next few days, we will also be publishing our programme of half-term intervention sessions for Year 11 students.

Mr T Taylor
Headteacher

Upcoming Events

- Thursday 18 October: Year 7 end-of-half-term disco
- Friday 19 October: Parent Review Day
- Monday 29 October: School re-opens after the half-term break